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## ABOUT JESSE BROWN VA MEDICAL CENTER:

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Jesse Brown VA Medical Center is a tertiary care facility classified as a Clinical Referral Level II Facility. It is a teaching hospital, providing a full range of patient care services using state-of-the-art technology, in addition to educational and research opportunities. Comprehensive health care is provided through primary and tertiary care in the areas of medicine, surgery, psychiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, neurology, oncology, dentistry, and geriatrics. The Jesse Brown VA Medical Center has active affiliations with the Northwestern University Medical School and the University of Illinois at Chicago Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy. Over 900 university residents, interns, and students are trained each year.

Clinical pharmacy services at Jesse Brown VA Medical Center are provided by pharmacists employed by the VA and the University Of Illinois College Of Pharmacy. Decentralized clinical pharmacists provide pharmaceutical care to the inpatient population. Ambulatory care involvement includes pharmacy-managed clinics, as well as participation in interdisciplinary primary care clinics with physicians, nurses, and dietitians. Clinical faculty members are widely recognized for practice, teaching, and research excellence. Jesse Brown VA Medical Center is a major site for clinical practice training for University of Illinois College of Pharmacy Doctor of Pharmacy candidates.

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## VALOR PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

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The VALOR student program in the area of pharmacy administration will provide pharmacy students with a broad range of experience in pharmacy management and leadership practice. Responsibilities will be fulfilled under the coordination of a proven pharmacy management team.

The primary mission of the VALOR program is to develop leadership and management skills, and provide a cadre of qualified future leaders and managers as part of succession planning. An integral part of the training will be accomplished through the formation of a mentor/mentee relationship between the student and the Chief of Pharmacy. The training will be hands-on, experiential learning. Emphasis will be on the adult learning model and development of self-assessment by the student, with guidance and constructive, frequent feedback from the pharmacy management team of preceptors.

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### EXAMPLES OF PAST VALOR PROJECTS:

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- Educational in-services
- Participation in weekly medication event meetings
- Presentations at monthly P&T:
  - ISMP Updates
  - Medication Event Reports
  - Quarterly Trigger Drug Reports
- Internal pharmacy policies



# JESSE BROWN VA MEDICAL CENTER

## VALOR STUDENT PROGRAM: PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION



**820 SOUTH DAMEN AVE.  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60612**

**LOCATED IN THE CHICAGO MEDICAL DISTRICT**

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## VALOR STUDENT PROGRAM: PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION

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The purpose of this VALOR student training is to prepare the student for a residency position with a concentration in management, or to prepare the student to potentially attain an entry level management position in either clinical pharmacy or operations. This can be achieved by developing a knowledge base centered on enhancing patient care along with safe, efficient medication use within the framework of pharmacy administration and leadership.

Successful students from this VALOR program will demonstrate the ability to develop, implement, maintain, and monitor operational and clinical pharmacy services. Skills will include strategic planning, personal mastery, communication, team work, customer service, fiscal management, regulatory compliance, performance improvement, and evidence based medication use.

The VALOR student program in the area of pharmacy administration will be sponsored and supported by the Pharmacy Department of the Jesse Brown VAMC (JBVAMC) in Chicago, Illinois. The VALOR program will allow us to attract and train future pharmacy leaders. This is critical for not only the JBVAMC, but also the national VA system.

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## DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM:

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Program Type:	VALOR training
Category:	Student Pharmacy Technician
Duration:	12 months
Schedule:	Mon-Fri
Number of Positions:	Two (2)
Application Deadline:	<b><u>January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016</u></b>
Starting Date:	June 2016
Benefits include:	Vacation and sick leave accrual
Estimated Stipend:	Salary equal to 80% of the local VA facility's per annum salary rate for GS-9, Step 1 on the GENERAL SCHEDULE

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## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

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- Completed P-2 Year from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy
- **ONLY OPEN TO UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO STUDENTS FROM THE CHICAGO CAMPUS**
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- U.S. Citizenship
- Successful physical examination at the time of entry

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION:

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- University of Illinois, College of Pharmacy student, in good standing from Chicago campus
  - Current P-2 Student
  - U.S. Citizenship
  - Application
  - Letter of intent
  - Current Curriculum Vitae
  - Official College transcripts
  - One letter of recommendation
  - On-site interview
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## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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**JESSE BROWN VA MEDICAL CENTER- CHICAGO (JBVAMC)**

**VALOR STUDENT PROGRAM: PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION – APPLICATION**

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**Name:**

*Last*

*First*

*Middle*

**Address:**

*Number*

*Street*

*Apt No*

*City*

*State*

*Zip Code*

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION:**

College of Pharmacy: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Other College: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Professional Training: \_\_\_\_\_

**The following must be received by Wednesday, January 20th to complete the application:**

- Current Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Intent
- Official transcripts
- One letter of recommendation
- Completed application form

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit all correspondence to:**

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